



# Ecospeed Hull Performance Technology Innovation Wins Energy Globe Awards Presented in European Parliament

**M**r Boud Van Rompay, Executive Director and CEO of Ecospeed, has won two Awards from the prestigious Energy Globe organisation at ceremonies held in the European Parliament on May 25 and 26.

Environment Minister, Maneka Gandhi and the International Award was presented by Kofi Anan, former UN Secretary General. Also speaking or presenting awards were all three Presidents of the European Institutions – Hans-Gert Pöttering of the European Parliament, Jose Manuel Barroso of the European Commission and Janez Jansa from the European Council.



*Mr Boud Van Rompay receiving the award from Mrs. Gandhi*

Mr Van Rompay responded to the recognition by saying, “I am very impressed by the initiative that the Energy Globe has taken to improve environmental conditions around the world and greatly appreciate the recognition bestowed on us for the work we have done. We work hard to ensure that we not only have an ecologically sustainable solution to the huge problem presented by the toxic paints used on most ships today but also to find an economically viable solution. We have achieved this today and even reduce fuel costs and consequently lower toxic emissions. This is a new development in hull protection and maintenance. Ecospeed is the way forward that enables companies to reach environmentally responsible targets with an approach that makes sense financially.”

The awards are presented for contributions in all fields of activity, divided into the five categories of Earth, Fire, Water, Air and Youth.

Ecospeed was the National winner for Belgium and one of three finalists chosen from more than 850 entries in the “Water” category. Ecospeed was the prominent innovation in the sphere of shipping.

The Energy Globe awards were presented by a host of dignitaries – the National Award was presented by Indian Member of Parliament and former



*International panel of judges*



*The national winners with Mrs. Ghandi*



The winner in the Water category was the Swiss Association for International Cooperation, a project ensuring a sustainable water supply in Mozambique where less than half the population in rural areas has access to clean drinking water.

The World Energy Globe awards for sustainability were launched in 1999 and are considered today's most prominent and prestigious environmental prizes. Their goal is to present successful sustainable projects to a broad audience, as many of our environmental problems do already have good, feasible solutions.

Reinforcing its ecological credentials, Ecospeed was also one of five finalists in last month's 2008 Lloyds List London Clean Seas Awards.

More information on Energy Globe Awards can be found at [www.energyglobe.com/en/](http://www.energyglobe.com/en/)

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